

A1 blade 42 fabricated of metal such as steel. The blade 42 is accommodated within, and has a tip 44 projecting from, a housing 46 protruding from the first inner surface 16a. The entire apparatus 40, except for the blade 42, is fabricated as a single piece of rigid plastic. Retention of the blade 42 within the housing 46 is accomplished by friction fit and/or adhesive as known in the art.--

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

As 1. (Amended) A bag slitting apparatus for opening a sealed bag along an edge of said bag, the apparatus comprising a first arm having a first outer surface and a first inner surface, a second arm having a second outer surface and a second inner surface, wherein said first and second arms are biased and in tensioned movable opposed relationship to each other such that the first and second inner surfaces are movably positionable against each other and wherein one of said inner surfaces is a bladed inner surface having projecting therefrom a bag cutting blade with a distal blade tip and wherein the other of said inner surfaces has a transverse laterally-open concave groove there across for receiving therein the blade tip and a continuously moving bag edge, and additionally wherein the first and second outer surfaces are concavely contoured for simultaneous opposing receipt of a finger and thumb of a user.
